their report have shown Jammu and Kashmir as a separate entity with undefined status of boundaries, and the area illegally seized by Pakistan has been shown as a part of China. The mistake has been pointed out in India's comments, which have been published along with the report of International Commission of Jurists.

Conveying India's Stand on NPT to EU Representatives

6201. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have reiterated India's stand on NPT aimed at nuclear weapon free world to the visiting EU representatives in the context of Pakistan Prime Minister's admission that Pakistan was setting up a nuclear reactor capable of producing plutonium for use in nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, in what precise terms; and

(c) what was the EU's and American reaction and response thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Indo-EU Troika Ministerial level talks were held in Paris on 6 April 1995. We conveyed our principled and consistent position on the NPT and emphasised that global elimination of nuclear weapons was the means of achieving genuine non-proliferation. The EU Troika informed us of their support for an indefinite and unconditional extension of the NPT and welcomed the bilateral dialogue with certain EU countries on disarmament issues.

Activities of ICCR Abroad

6202. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made an assessment of the activities of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the main features of the assessment made thereon; and

(c) what directives have been issued, if any, in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The activities of the ICCR are subject to ongoing assessment by the statutory bodies which govern ICCR, namely, the Fiance Committee, the Governing Body and the General Assembly. The activities of the Council have also been assessed by the Standing Committee of Parliament for the Ministry of External Affairs. The Ministry of External Affairs, which is the Ministry which provides ICCR with its budget, also assesses the working of the Council.

(b) The main features of the assessment made by the statutory bodies, and by Parliament and MEA are;

(i) The importance of the ICCR's activities in the realm of cultural diplomacy was endorsed and the need to expand and intensify these activities, with a higher budget underlined.

(ii) Greater involvement by our Missions aborad in cultural activities by designating specific officers as cultural officers.

(iii) Effective use to be made of our cultural centres abroad.

(iv) Continuing attention towards streamlining of the scholarships handled by ICCR for international students, as well as their welfare.

(v) Maximising the impact of our cultural troupes that are sent abroad by developing tours taking them to a number of countries.

(c) (i) The budget of the ICCR has been enhanced by Rs. 6 crores for the year 1994-95 from Rs. 15 crores to Rs. 21 crores.